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In re Patent Application of

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For: **WAIST BELT FOR ABSORBENT  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Four Times Amended) A garment comprising an absorbent part and a waist belt which has a longitudinal direction and a cross-direction and which is attached directly or indirectly to said garment, wherein said belt includes two separate belts which extend generally in said longitudinal direction, one end of each of the two separate belts is permanently fastened to the absorbent part, and opposite ends of each of the two separate belts extend in respective directions from said absorbent part and are intended to be fastened together around a wearer of the garment, which belts have a stiffness that varies in